

RESTRICTION PRESENTED

The claims have been restricted into the following groups of inventions:

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
I	1 - 8	Drawn to a method
II	9 - 10	Drawn to an apparatus

APPLICANTS' ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II, claims 9 through 20, drawn to an apparatus, for prosecution at this time. Accordingly, Applicants hereby cancel non-elected claims 1 - 8, while reserving the right to file related application(s) based on claims 1 - 8.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 20 are now pending in the subject U.S. patent application. Claims 1 - 20 as filed have been subjected to a Restriction/Election Requirement.

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement, applicants have elected the claims of Group II, claims 9 - 20, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the unelected subject matter.

Application Serial No.: 10/659,239

CONCLUSIONS

Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

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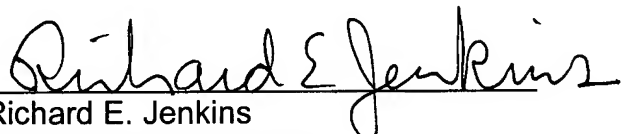
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